



Good Friday Offering 2018

Hope for the next Generation of Christians in Jerusalem and the Middle East

The work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East has ministered the love and peace of God to people of the region for more than a hundred years. At this time of an unprecedented level of suffering in many of the countries, our church family in the Middle East needs your ongoing support.

Once a year we call on churches across the UK and Ireland to prayerfully and financially support their Christian brothers and sisters in the four dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East by allocating collections taken at services over the Easter period.

Archbishop Josiah Oduwu-Fearon (General Secretary to the Anglican Communion) spoke at the recent JMECA meeting highlighting the importance of the next generation of Christians. Young people aged 10-24 years now make up a third of the population and 90% of them live in countries where they will face a lack of access to education, good healthcare and employment opportunities.

Providing support and opportunities for the young and vulnerable is a key focus of the bishops in the Holy Land. Following his election as Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Suheil wrote:

"We celebrate the work of the church in our Province: the establishment of schools and hospitals which serve some of the poorest and most marginalised individuals whose suffering is so great. We celebrate because these institutions are a living symbol of the love of Christ for all."

JMECA provides a simple and efficient means to send your donations to the region. Cheques made out to J.M.E.C.A can be sent to me at JMECA, 1 Hart House, The Hart, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7HJ with a covering note stating that the money is for the 2018 Good Friday Offering. Alternatively you can easily transfer your donation online via MyDonate <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/gfo2018>.

For further information and suggestions on how to organise the Good Friday Offering, please visit the JMECA website at www.jmeca.org.uk/how-you-can-help/good-friday-offering.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

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